

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Kurtz Farmhouse and Quonset Hut Inventory Number: WO560
Address: 4520 Market Street City: Snow Hill Zip Code: 21863
County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Snow Hill SE
Owner: Summerfield LLC. Is the property being evaluated a district? no yes
Tax Parcel Number: 20 Tax Map Number: 63 Tax Account ID Number: 02007630
Project: Summerfield Phase I Agency: Maryland Historical Trust
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Summerfield Phase I (Otter, Levinthal 2006)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Kurtz farmhouse was constructed during the mid- 19th century and features many original Greek Revival exterior and interior architectural elements. Numerous renovations and additions have affected the original layout and fabric of this residence.

This impressive west facing, 2-story, 3-bay farmhouse, has a L-shaped ground plan. The residence has a central hall floor plan and symmetrical fenestration. The façade is oriented parallel to the roof ridge and the low-pitch, asphalt shingled roof is penetrated by a paired interior ridge chimneys.

The wood, probably balloon frame residence rests upon a brick foundation covered with stucco. The house is sheathed with modern metal siding. The metal siding covers wood siding of an unknown style. Exterior details; include box cornices and wood sash, 6 over 6 light windows. Metal siding has obscured windowsills. The main entry is a 15 light wood door crowned with a 15 light transom and flanked by sidelights that have been obscured by metal siding.

A half-width, full-height, brick walled root cellar is located under the right half of the main house block. Access top this cellar is granted by a storm door entry on the right rear of the main house block.

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/12/06

Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

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Date

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A rear addition has been built onto the left rear side of the main block of this house during an unknown period. This addition may have been constructed in 2 episodes or this addition may be 2 structures moved to this location at some time in the past. This 2-story, gable roof, probably wood, balloon frame addition rests upon a brick, concrete block and concrete slab foundation and features the same wall and roof sheathing materials as the main house block. Exterior details include, 6 over 6 and 1 over 1 light wood sash windows wood and metal doors.

A second addition has been constructed off of the right side of the rear addition. This single story, shed roof, probably wood, balloon frame addition rests upon a concrete slab foundation. This addition features the same wall and roof sheathing materials as the main house block. Exterior details include, 6 over 6 light wood sash windows.

A modern shed roof, enclosed porch is located off of the left side of the left central addition. This porch is sheathed with metal siding, rests on a rockface concrete block foundation, has louvered windows and a central wood, 3 light doorway.

A 450-foot long, corrugated metal Quonset hut is located north of the Kurtz farmhouse. This Quonset hut rests upon at least 2 concrete slabs and is in disrepair. This structure is currently used to shelter farm equipment. The Quonset hut is recommended to be not eligible for NRHP inclusion under Criteria C due to failing condition and loss of setting.

Research has shown that further investigations of the Kurtz Farm House and Quonset hut would likely not provide significant additional information to the body of knowledge related to the growth of Snow Hill during the Agricultural-Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870), the Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (A.D. 1870-1930) or the Modern Period (A.D. 1930-Present) (Weissman 1986: 254-255).

Additionally, research has shown that Kurtz Farm House and Quonset hut are recommended to be not eligible for National Register of Historic Places inclusion.

These resources are recommended to be not eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion A. This property is not "associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history" (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

These resources are not associated with persons who are "significant in our past." Thus, the property is not recommended to be National Register eligible under Criterion B (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

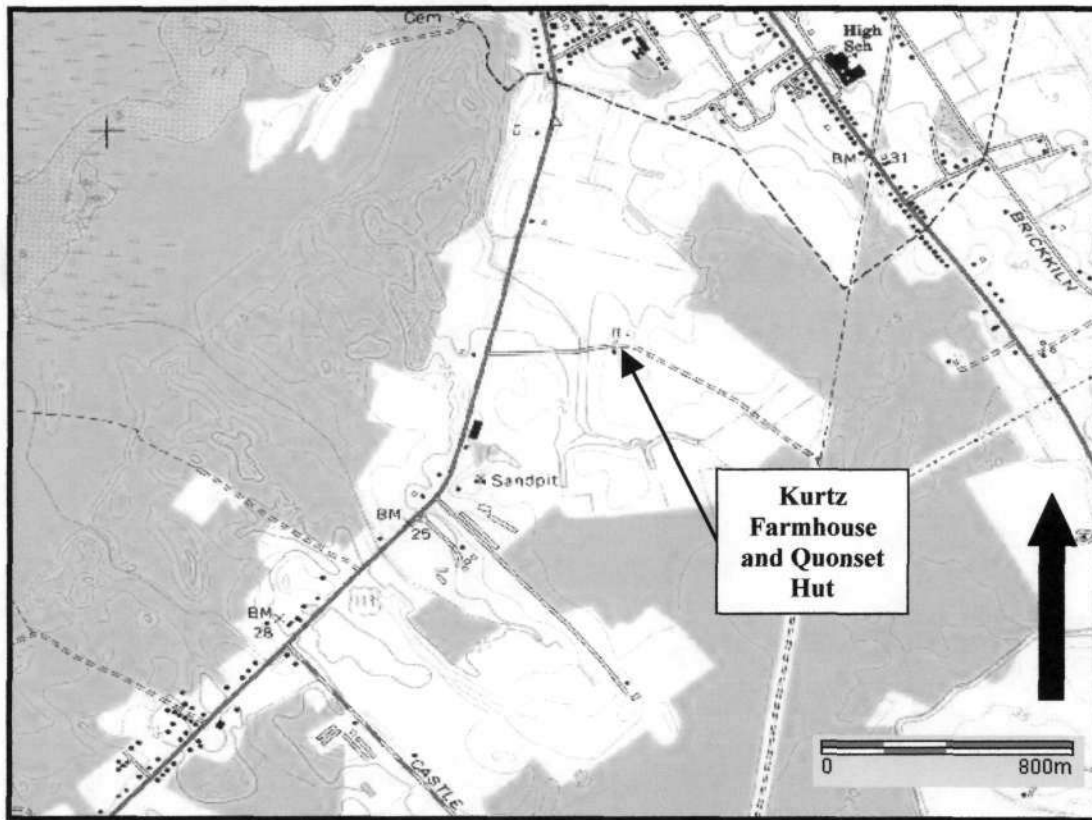
Major improvements and alterations to the property have impacted the integrity and original fabric of these resources over the past 150 years. These resources are not properties that embody "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction." Therefore, this property is recommended to be not eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion C (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

This property is not a resource that has "yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history." Thus, this property is recommended to be not eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion D (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

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Snow Hill SE Quadrangle Map
Location of Kurtz Farmhouse and Quonset Hut (WO560).

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Continuation Sheet No. 3



Kurtz Farmhouse. View To Northeast.



Kurtz Farmhouse. View To Southeast.

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Continuation Sheet No. 4



Kurtz Farmhouse. View To West.



Quonset Hut. View To South.

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References

Maryland Historical Trust

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Kurtz Farmhouse

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View to Northeast



Kurtz Farm house
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View to Southeast



Kurtz Farmhouse
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View to West



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View to South